

10 August 1972

Mr. Felix Belair
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Washington, D. C. 20036

Dear Mr. Belair,

The note you mentioned on the telephone yesterday dated August 9 is now at hand. I am routing it on to the proper parties and I am sure they will give it expeditious handling.

Sincerely,

/s/ Angus MacLean Thuermer

Angus MacLean Thuermer
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August 9, 1972.

Mr. Angus M. Thuermer
Ass't to Director
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Washington D.C. 20505.

Dear Mr. Thuermer:

Please consider this a request for review and declassification of the "basic collection of documents" on the Bay of Pigs operation referred to in the attached from the Department of Defense.

We had asked DoD initially for the JCS papers on the operation together with resulting discussions in the National Security Council. N.S.C. has advised that it is now trying to locate the discussion material in its files. The operation commenced, according to the N.Y. Times Index on April 16, 1961.

I hope this request can be placed ahead of others submitted by us inasmuch as the note from Mr. Nash suggests that the material already has been assembled in a "collection".

Meanwhile, be assured of our appreciation of your efforts in our behalf.

Sincerely,

Felix Belair, Jr.
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OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
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August 8, 1972

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Dear Mr. Belair:

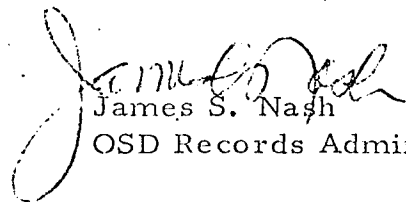
Responding to your request for a declassification review of certain documents, I indicated in my letter of July 24 that JCS papers concerning the Bay of Pigs operation could be identified and that we were initiating a review of these documents.

It turns out that the papers in question are in fact comments on documents prepared by another agency and that, therefore, your request cannot be handled as a review separate from the basic collection of documents which, as you know, is under the control of the Central Intelligence Agency.

If you want to pursue this matter further, you should get in touch with this agency.

We will let you know the results of our review of the so-called "White Plan" in the not too distant future.

Sincerely,


James S. Nash
OSD Records Administrator

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Dick
 Let's discuss.
 JAH
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